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FILE: [REDACTED] Office: Nebraska Service Center

Date: AUG 10 2000

IN RE: Applicant: [REDACTED]

APPLICATION: Application for Travel Document Pursuant to Section 223 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1203

IN BEHALF OF PETITIONER: Self-represented

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FOR THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER,  
EXAMINATIONS

*[Signature]*  
Terrence M. O'Reilly, Director  
Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The application was denied by the Director, Nebraska Service Center, and is now before the Associate Commissioner for Examinations on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

The applicant is a native of [REDACTED] and citizen of the United States who is seeking to obtain a reentry permit pursuant to section 223 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. 1203.

The director denied the application after determining that the applicant was not entitled to the issuance of a Permit to Reenter the United States.

On appeal, the applicant apologizes for filing the application for a reentry permit.

In pertinent part, section 223 of the Act provides that an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence who intends to visit abroad and return to the United States to resume that status may make an application for a permit to reenter the United States.

Furthermore, with certain exceptions, regulations at 8 C.F.R. 223.2(b) allow for the approval of a reentry permit if the application (Form I-131) is filed by a lawful permanent resident or conditional permanent resident, and the application is filed with the Service prior to departure from the United States.

The application for reentry permit was filed on December 24, 1998. The record, however, reflects that the applicant was naturalized a United States citizen on July 17, 1998. Therefore, the applicant was no longer a lawful permanent resident when the application was filed. As noted by the director, there is no statutory provision for the issuance of a reentry permit to a United States citizen. Therefore, the application cannot be approved. However, as a United States citizen, the applicant may apply for a U.S. passport at a U.S. Passport Office near her.

The burden of proof in these proceedings rests solely with the applicant. Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. 1361. The applicant has not met that burden. Accordingly, the appeal will be dismissed.

**ORDER:** The appeal is dismissed.